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California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
2375 Northside Dr., Suite 100
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**SUBJECT: Comment – Tentative Order No. R9-2022-0005 and
Tentative Order No. R9-2022-0006**

On behalf of the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council, we urge you to support Tentative Orders No. R9-2022-0005 and R9-2022-0006 to advance the Doheny Desalination Project through the Regional Water Quality Control Board's permitting process and towards construction of this essential water resilience project. The Building Trades Council represent 48 affiliate organizations with 140,000 hardworking members within the Construction industry.

California is facing a historic drought and the building trades are ready to answer the call and build drought resilient infrastructure that will safeguard the state's future. Desalination provides reliable, drought-proof, and accessible source of water for the residents of California. The Doheny Desalination project will provide true local labor through a Community Workforce Agreement. At the trades, we pride ourselves in building careers that provide a pathway to the middle class with a good wage, pension, and healthcare.

This agreement will provide you with a Skilled and Trained workforce. We build it efficiently and in the safest manner – Do it right the first time and with minimum or no liabilities. This desalination project has the potential to be a regional asset in the face of any future water crisis. We strongly urge you to support the Doheny Desalination Project.

Respectfully,


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Council Representative